

Street School, to the Rhode Island Historical Society, to the Rhode Island Hospital Association, there is hardly a corner of the State that has not been made better by Roger's energy and contributions.

Roger also enjoyed a successful business career in the financial sector. He is truly a man of many parts. And he is a gregarious, cheerful good person on top of it all.

I wish Roger all the best as he accepts the French Legion of Honor and look forward to celebrating with him next month.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1641. A communication from the Director for the National Intrepid Center of Excellence, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Center's fiscal year 2020 annual report, other relative reports, and the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the reports; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1642. A joint communication from the Acting Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Joint Executive Committee Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1643. A communication from the Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Homeless Providers and Grant and Per Diem Program" (RIN2900-AP54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2021; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1644. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; WA; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 8742-02-R10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1645. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finding of Failure to Submit a State Implementation Plan to Meet the 1987 24-Hour PM10 Standard; Moderate Area Requirements; West Pinal County; Arizona" (FRL No. 8715-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1646. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Missouri; Removal of Control of Emissions from the Application of Deadeners and Adhesives" (FRL No. 8717-02-R7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1647. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transition Period Penalty Relief for New Schedules K-2 and K-3 for Forms 1065, 1120-S and 8865" (Notice 2021-39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1648. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System (EPCRS)" (Rev. Proc. 2021-30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1649. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special elections for taxpayers with Farming Loss NOLs" (Rev. Proc. 2021-14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1650. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Premium Assistance for COBRA Benefits" (Notice 2021-31) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1651. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Beginning of Construction for Sections 45 and 48; Extension of Continuity Safe Harbor to Address Delays Related to COVID-19 and Clarification of the Continuity Requirement" (Notice 2021-41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1652. A communication from the Deputy Inspector General for Audit Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review of Medicare Administrative Contractor Information Security Program Evaluations for Fiscal Year 2020"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1653. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Obsolete Regulation Regarding Rewards for Information Relating to Violations of Tax Laws Administered by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau" (RIN1513-AC56) received in the Office of the President

of the Senate on July 15, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1654. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1655. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary for Health and Human Services, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1656. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1657. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1658. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States and Area Median Gross Income Figures (Evergreen)" (Rev. Proc. 2021-19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1659. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "COVID-19 Relief Under Section 42" (Notice 2021-12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1660. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Relief with Respect to Employment Tax Deadlines Applicable to Employers Affected by the Ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) Disease 2019 Pandemic" (Notice 2021-11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1661. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 911 Housing Cost Amounts 2021 Update" (Notice 2021-18) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1662. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Personal Protective Equipment Treated as Deductible or Reimbursable Medical Care Expense" (Announcement 2021-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1663. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the